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## REVISED CONSULAR SERVICE FEES

Effective September 12, fees for certain consular services, including visa applications and the renunciation of U.S. citizenship, are being changed to better reflect actual processing costs to U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide.

Fees for family-based and fiancé(e) immigrant visas will increase, while fees for employment-related immigrant visas will decrease. Fees for the Visitors' Visa (B1/B2) have not changed.

Fees for family-based immigrant visas, commonly known as "filings," will increase from US\$230 to US\$325. These include immigrant visa petitions filed by family members in the U.S., such as spouses, parents, adult children, and siblings.

Fiancé(e) visas, known as "K" visas, will increase from US\$240 to US\$265. Employment-based immigrant visa petitions, however, will decrease from the current US\$405 to US\$345.

Additionally, the fee to renounce one's U.S. citizenship will increase from US\$450 to US\$2,350. The new fee for renouncing U.S. citizenship is a fivefold increase, and reflects the real, unsubsidized cost of providing this service. A renunciation is a serious decision, and consular staff must be certain that the person renouncing fully understands the consequences. Consular officers spend substantial amounts of time on each renunciation case. Further, before a renunciation is complete, the case must go to the Department in Washington D.C. for review and a final decision. The former fee of US\$450 represented less than a quarter of the Department's processing costs. The new fee now reflects the service's full costs.

Fees have also decreased for out-of-office consular services, such as depositions, from US\$231 an hour to US\$135, an hour.

Embassy Kingston processes approximately 100,000 nonimmigrant visa applications and 12,000 immigrant visa applications a year. Each year, the entire Department of State, processes more than 11 million nonimmigrant visas and 600,000 immigrant visa applications.

Please see the tables below for all changes.

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## Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fees

<i>Type of Visa</i>	<i>Previous Fee (US)</i>	<i>New Fee (US)</i>
Treaty Investor and Trader visas (E)	\$270	\$205
Fiancé(e) visas (K)	\$240	\$265
Border Crossing Card (under age 15)	\$15	\$16

## Immigrant Visa Processing Fees

<i>Type of Visa</i>	<i>Previous Fee (US)</i>	<i>New Fee (US)</i>
Immediate Relative and Family Preference Applications	\$230	\$325
Employment-Based Applications	\$405	\$345
Special Immigrant Visa Applicants (except for Diversity Visa applicants)	\$220	\$205
Determining Returning Resident Status	\$275	\$180
Waiver of Two-Year Residency Requirement	\$215	\$120
Affidavit of Support Review (only when reviewed domestically)	\$88	\$120

## Citizens' and Administrative Services

<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>Previous Fee (US)</i>	<i>New Fee (US)</i>
Administrative Processing of Formal Renunciation of Citizenship	\$450	\$2,350
Charge for Consular Time (for fee services performed outside of normal business hours or away from the office)	\$231	\$135

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